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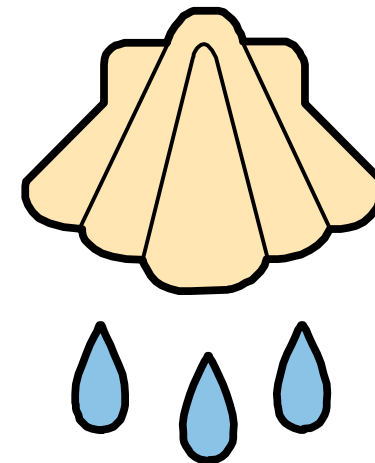
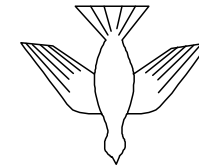
Sunday Schedule:
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship-11:00 am

The doors of this Church are open wide.

We welcome every man, woman, youth and child who is disturbed by a sense of need, who hungers for a nobler life, who seeks a better world and who aspires to faithfully follow Jesus.

We summon you:

To the beauty of the worship of God-
To the service of bewildered humanity-
To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-
To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
JANUARY 11, 2009

OUR 35TH YEAR AS A UNITED CHURCH

Emmanuel United Church

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

January 11, 2009

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude, *Ben McCormack*

Gathering Song

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

(2 Cor. 5:17)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,

There is a new creation;

Old things have passed away,

And look, the new has come!”

*Hymn 613 *“Another Year is Dawning”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we know that you have to remind us again and again, that through you we are made new people. We ask your forgiveness for those times when we look to the ways of the world, rather than your ways. In these uncertain days we need more than ever to be obedient and faithful to your word. Keep us free from fear and discouragement, that we may be your bold disciples and witnesses to what you are doing in the world. Help us to put on love. In the name of Christ, who showed us your love, we pray.

Amen

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Time with Our Children

PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Celebrations

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen

*Hymn 502, *“The Master Has Come “*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Matthew 3:13-17, Col. 3:12-14

Message, “ Putting on the Robe “

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn, *“We Are A New Creation”, (vs. insert)*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand

Please remember to keep your cell phones and iPods turned off during worship. Thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship today, and hope you receive a blessing from the service. If you are visiting with us today, please sign our guest book located in the back and pick up a church brochure.



Thought for the week:

"It isn't hard to be good from time to time. What's tough is being good every day." Willie Mays



What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 9:45- Sunday School
11:00- Worship
12:30- Youth and Adult Movie and Discussion
- Wednesday:** 7:00- Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday:** 7:00- Bible Study at church
- Friday** 7:30- Cottage Meeting at the House
- Saturday** 7:00- Cottage Meeting at the House
- Next Sunday:** 9:45- Sunday School
11:00- Worship
4:00- Cottage meeting at the House
7:00- Cottage meeting at the House



Birthdays in January

12-Casey Wittchen

Anniversaries

15-Jo Ann & Jeff Wilkinson

Thanksgiving and Blessings to All!

Pastor Jerrie will be in the office Wednesday-Friday mornings this week. Abby Bee will be here Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10-1pm.

Cottage meetings next week – Pastor Jerrie has invited everyone over to the parsonage for a time of coffee, dessert, and conversation next weekend. You may sign up for one of the following times in person, by phone or email (jmat1@juno.com). If you would like to come and none of these times are good, just let her know and it can be re-scheduled.

Thank-you.

Meeting times:

Fri., Jan. 16 – 7:30

Sat., Jan. 17 – 7:00

Sun., Jan. 18 – 4:00 and 7:00

Reports from the various boards and committees are due now to be ready for the parish Annual report. The annual meeting is scheduled for **February 1st**.

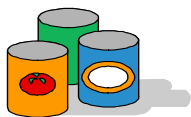
YOUTH MINISTRY

The combined Adult and Youth Group movie and discussion will be today after worship. We will meet in the Round Room. Please bring \$3 for pizza See Vera for more information.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Greeters are needed for Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank You! This is a very important expression of hospitality from the church.

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate and honor a loved one. You may donate flowers by signing up on the flower chart on the back table. The cost is \$10 for both vases and you may send money to the church office or drop it in the collection plate.



The Mechanicville Community Services Center receives the food items collected each month by the members of EUC. After the holiday rush, the shelves are depleted, but the need is still there. **Our**

monthly goal of 100 items per month has helped countless people who come looking for needed help. Thank you!

For the **“four-legged friends”** in our community, and in partnership with local girl scouts, we are also accepting donations of all varieties of pet foods; Please leave items under the back table in the sanctuary. Questions, see Liz Fraser.

